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TAGS: PARM US UK UR  
SUBJECT: CTB NEGOTIATIONS: CONVERSATION WITH TIMERBAEV  
REGARDING TTB AND PNE TREATIES

CTB MESSAGE NO. 226

IN A RECENT CONVERSATION PRIOR TO A MEETING OF THE  
POLITICAL WORKING GROUP, SOVIET DEPUTY REPRESENTATIVE  
TIMERBAEV ASKED A GROUP OF US DELOFFS WHETHER THE  
THRESHOLD TEST BAN AND PEACEFUL NUCLEAR EXPLOSIONS  
TREATIES WOULD SOON BE RATIFIED. US DELOFFS REPLIED THAT  
THE ADMINISTRATION HAD ASKED THE SENATE TO RATIFY THE  
TREATIES, AND THAT THE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE HAD  
APPROVED THEM, BUT NOTED THAT MAJORITY LEADER BYRD WAS  
PROBABLY DOING HIS OWN SOUNDINGS AS TO WHETHER PUTTING  
THE TREATIES ON THE CALENDAR WOULD GENERATE CONTROVERSIAL  
DEBATE ON CTB. IF BYRD BELIEVED THAT SUCH DEBATE WAS  
LIKELY AND COULD RESULT IN RESERVATIONS AFFECTING CTB,  
HE MIGHT DETERMINE THAT THIS IS NOT THE BEST MOMENT

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TO SEEK APPROVAL ON THE FLOOR OF THE SENATE. THESE  
CONCERNS MIGHT BE SHARED BY SOME IN THE ADMINISTRATION.  
TIMERBAEV WAS FAMILIAR WITH THE NAME AND POSITION OF  
SENATOR BYRD AND APPEARED TO UNDERSTAND WHY THE TREATIES  
MIGHT NOT MOVE FORWARD RAPIDLY IN THE NEAR FUTURE.  
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